



3762783

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Aboul-Hosn et al. Docket No.: 9261.16586-CIP 2
Serial No.: 09/470, 697 Examiner: P. Bianco
Filed: 23 December 1999 Group Art Unit: 3762
For: Apparatus and Methods for Entering Cavities of the Body

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

MAY 16 2003

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

a small entity

other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United State Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed as follows: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

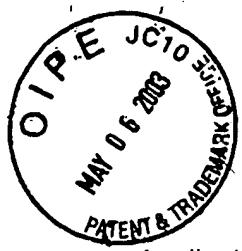
Linda S. Wenzel

Type or print name of person mailing paper

Date: 2 May 2003



(Signature of person mailing paper)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Aboul-Hosn et al.

Examiner: P. Bianco

Serial No. : 09/470,697

Group Art Unit: 3762

Filed : 23 December 1999

For : Apparatus and Methods for Entering Cavities of the Body

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including May 4, 2003, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

In Fig. 22, please insert reference number 310 as shown in red on the attached proposed corrected drawings.

In Fig. 23, please delete reference number 214 and insert reference number 241 as shown in red on the attached proposed corrected drawings. In Fig. 23, please also insert pump and reference number 124 as shown in red on the attached proposed corrected drawings.

In Fig. 24, please insert reference number 641 as shown in red on the attached proposed corrected drawings.

In Figs. 26 and 27, please delete the cross-section markings as shown in red on the attached proposed corrected drawings. In Fig. 26, please also delete reference number 79 and insert reference number 796 as shown in red on the attached proposed corrected drawings.

05/07/2003 KGU1EMH1 00000066 09470697

01 FC:2253

465.00 OP

Patent

RECEIVED
MAY 16 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700